

REMARKS

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

Claims 1-8, 11-27, 29, 31-34 and 36 are pending in the application. Claims 10, 28, 30, 35, and 37 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Independent claims 1 and 12 have been amended to include the indicated allowable subject matter of claim 35. Independent claim 24 has been amended to include the indicated allowable subject matter of claim 37. Allowable claims 34 and 36 have been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the respective base claims. No new matter has been introduced through the foregoing amendments.

All elected claims are now believed in condition suitable for allowance.

The non-elected claims remain pending in the application for rejoinder and consideration as all non-elected claims are now dependent on *generic*, allowable claims 1, 12, and 24.

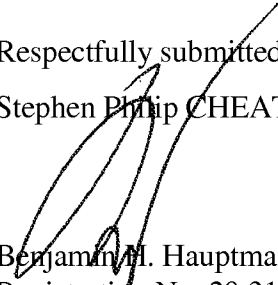
Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under *37 C.F.R. 1.136* is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 08-2025 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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